

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14 and 16 (cancelled)

5. (withdrawn) The anchor device as described in claim 1 wherein said ground spike assembly includes a ground scoop, said ground scoop for holding the anchor device in place in soft ground, sand and mud.

10. (withdrawn) The anchor device as described in claim 8 wherein said ground spike assembly includes a ground scoop, said ground scoop for holding the anchor device in place in soft ground, sand and mud.

15. (withdrawn) The anchor device as described in claim 11 wherein said ground spike assembly includes a ground scoop, said ground scoop for holding the anchor device in place in soft ground, sand and mud.

17. (new) A ground anchor device used for holding a ladder in place on a ground surface and next to a wall of a building and used for holding other objects in place, the anchor device comprising:

a spike mounting plate having a top, a bottom, one end and an opposite end; ✓

a ground spike assembly including a pair of spaced apart pointed spike members, said spike members adapted for receipt into the top of the ground surface, an upper end of said spike members pivotally attached to the one end of said spike mounting plate, said spike members in a folded position disposed on opposite sides of said spike mounting plate, said spike members in an unfolded position extending downwardly at an angle from a length of said spike mounting plate;

a ratchet mounting plate having a top, a bottom, one end and an opposite end, the one end of said ratchet mounting plate pivotally attached to the opposite end of said spike mounting plate, the bottom of said ratchet mounting plate in a folded position disposed next to the bottom of said spike mounting plate, said ratchet mounting plate in an unfolded position disposed outwardly from a length of said spike mounting plate; and

a ratchet assembly including a ratchet housing, said ratchet housing mounted on the opposite end of said ratchet mounting plate, said ratchet assembly including a ratchet wheel mounted on said ratchet housing, said ratchet wheel having a ratchet strap wrapped therearound, said ratchet assembly also including a ratchet handle mounted on said ratchet housing, said ratchet assembly for tightening and loosening said ratchet strap on said ratchet wheel.

18. (new) The anchor device as described in claim 17 further including a hook, said hook attached to an end of said ratchet strap, said hook and said ratchet strap adapted for wrapping around a portion of an object and holding it in place.

19. (new) The anchor device as described in claim 18 further including an accessory strap attached to said hook and adapted for receipt around a portion of the ladder.

20. (new) The anchor device as described in claim 17 wherein said pair of spaced apart pointed spike members include pointed blade attachments thereon and adapted for receipt in soft ground.

21. (new) A ground anchor device used for holding a ladder in place on a ground surface and next to a wall of a building and used for holding other objects in place, the anchor device comprising:

a spike mounting plate having a top, a bottom, one end and an opposite end;

a ground spike assembly including a pair of spaced apart pointed spike members, said spike members adapted for receipt into the top of the ground surface, an upper end of said spike members pivotally attached to the one end of said spike mounting plate, said spike members in a folded position disposed on opposite sides of said spike mounting plate, said spike members in an unfolded position extending downwardly at an angle of approximately 90 degrees from a length of said spike mounting plate, a portion of the one end of said spike mounting plate acting as a stop for holding said spike members in an unfolded position;

a ratchet mounting plate having a top, a bottom, one end and an opposite end, the one end of said ratchet mounting plate pivotally attached to the opposite end of said spike mounting plate, the bottom of said ratchet mounting plate in a folded position disposed next to the bottom of said spike mounting plate, said ratchet mounting plate in an unfolded position disposed outwardly and approximately parallel to a length of said spike mounting plate; and

a ratchet assembly including a ratchet housing, said ratchet housing mounted on the opposite end of said ratchet mounting plate, said ratchet assembly including a ratchet wheel mounted on said ratchet housing, said ratchet wheel having a ratchet strap wrapped therearound, said ratchet assembly also including a ratchet handle mounted on said ratchet housing, said ratchet assembly for tightening and loosening said ratchet strap on said ratchet wheel.

22. (new) The anchor device as described in claim 21 further including a hook, said hook attached to an end of said ratchet strap, said hook and said ratchet strap adapted for wrapping around a portion of an object and holding it in place.

23. (new) The anchor device as described in claim 22 further including an accessory strap attached to said hook and adapted for receipt around a portion of the ladder.

24. (new) The anchor device as described in claim <sup>21</sup>~~22~~ wherein said pair of spaced apart pointed spike members include pointed blade attachments thereon and adapted for receipt in soft ground. ✓

25. (new) A ground anchor device used for holding a ladder in place on a ground surface and next to a wall of a building and used for holding other objects in place, the anchor device comprising:

a spike mounting plate having a top, a bottom, one end and an opposite end; ✓

a ground spike assembly including a pair of spaced apart pointed spike members, said spike members adapted for receipt into the top of the ground surface, an upper end of said spike members pivotally attached to a crossbar, said crossbar attached to a first pivot pin, said first pivot pin mounted in a pin housing, said pin housing attached to the one end of said spike mounting plate, said spike members in a folded position disposed on opposite sides of said spike mounting plate, said spike members in an unfolded position extending downwardly at an angle from a length of said spike mounting plate;

a ratchet mounting plate having a top, a bottom, one end and an opposite end, the one end of said ratchet mounting plate attached to a second pivot pin, said second pivot pin hinged to the opposite end of said spike mounting plate, the bottom of said ratchet mounting plate in a folded position disposed next to the bottom of said spike mounting plate, said ratchet mounting plate in an unfolded position disposed outwardly from a length of said spike mounting plate; and

a ratchet assembly including a ratchet housing, said ratchet housing mounted on the opposite end of said ratchet mounting plate, said ratchet assembly including a ratchet wheel mounted on said ratchet housing, said ratchet wheel having a ratchet strap wrapped therearound, said ratchet assembly also including a ratchet handle mounted on said ratchet housing, said ratchet assembly for tightening and loosening said ratchet strap on said ratchet wheel.

26. (new) The anchor device as described in claim 25 further including a hook, said hook attached to an end of said ratchet strap, said hook and said ratchet strap adapted for wrapping around a portion of an object and holding it in place.

27. (new) The anchor device as described in claim 26 further including an accessory strap attached to said hook and adapted for receipt around a portion of the ladder.

28. (new) The anchor device as described in claim 25 wherein said pair of spaced apart pointed spike members include pointed blade attachments thereon and adapted for receipt in soft ground.